

Tall Tower Topics

BY THE MAN IN THE TOWER

Good Evening.

SHINE ON, HARVEST MOON!

Now let's all get together
For want of another tune,
And have a little argument
About the harvest moon.
Some say it's in September,
October, others hold,
But listen, we beg you kindly
To what we would entold—
The harvest moon, so it seems
Coincides with the autumn equinox,
Which comes about the twenty-first
Which sets it pretty approx-
imately, so to those who would
Doubt this fact we say,
Harvest, hunter's or otherwise
It's the same old moon anyway.

—EM. EM.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Reynolds were recent guests at the Cavalier Hotel at Virginia Beach, Va. Basking in the sunshine simultaneously with them were Mr. and Mrs. W. Lincoln Merwin of Milford. . . . Attorney Irving Johnson is a year older today. . . . Ditto for Mike Sheehan of South Elm Street. . . . Dr. Clarence H. Cole and Fred N. Bishop have been proposed for membership in the Kiwanis Club. . . . Charles Libby was elected treasurer of the Connecticut State Labor Department Association in Middletown recently. He was the lone Waterburyan named to office.

Heard in passing. . . . The Hotel Abbey in New York City, rendezvous of many Waterburyans on their trips to New York City because of the presence there of Bill Downey, Brass Cityite, as manager, was the scene of a wild police-bandid pistol battle the other morning. It ended with the fleeing bandit shooting himself, the wound proving fatal. . . . According to Art McGinley of the Hartford Times Jimmie Carly, Waterbury's favorite tenor and former vaudeville and musical comedy singer of some years back, has a broken arm, the result of a fall from a ladder over at his Berlin Turnpike hostelry. . . . New Hampshire is going to be different from the rest of the New England states this fall by observing Thanksgiving on the 27th of November, while we feast on the 20th. . . . Congressman James A. Shanley will be the guest of honor at a dinner being sponsored by San Salvador Council, No. 1, Knights of Columbus, in New Haven on Tuesday, November 11. Representative Shanley has been picked as the member-of-the-month by the New Haven Kaceys for his community and fraternity services.

Editor, Tall Tower Topics: All the Mickey Mouses and the Donald Ducks will high-tail it out to the Grange Hall in Mill Plain Halloween Nite to the old-fashioned barn dance. There will be plenty of refreshments. The occasion is the get-together of the employees of the old Mickey Mouse factory on Cherry Street. Get into your Uncle Hiram's nightgown, or red flannel underwear, and maybe you'll win a prize at the masquerade. Hoping to see you there, I remain, Edward J. Lynch, Secretary. . . . (How about "Dumbo"? That's Disney's latest creation. The Ed.)

Carmine B. Cipriano slipped one over on his city court associates last week. While they weren't looking the popular court clerk added another year to his number, but as some one said to the youthful Carmine, "You don't look a day older." . . . Overheard some conversation the other day about the wedding anniversary celebration held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chieffo of Joseph Street. Belated congrats for the well-known couple. . . . Philomena Sirica has returned to her duties with the Welfare Department after a week's incapacitation caused by a bus accident. . . . Rev. John L. Sullivan of North Haven is a frequent visitor in town, renewing acquaintanceships in this town of his birth.

Mrs. Joseph Santopietro of Manhan Street is convalescing at her home after spending ten days in the Waterbury Hospital where she underwent a major operation. . . . Private Frank Donofrio has returned to Fort Terry after a dandy 10-day furlough spent revisiting old scenes and old friends here in Waterbury. Frank also went and got himself engaged to a very nice young lady while home this trip—Miss Lucy U. Miele. . . . Jimmy Gladney, the Washington Hill boy, traveled away out to the East End Tuesday night just to see how Vincent Coates and some of the other boys were getting the new Anderson School gymnasium dedicated. "Red" is a past master at these community affairs.

Around the town. . . . Entering the Union Station to-day it's hard to bring up any memories of any other railroad station here in the Brass City. But your Waterburyan of a not too advanced age will describe at great length the old depot that stood at the foot of Bank Street for so many years and which did such valiant service in the days when people only traveled to New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport, and New York on rare occasions and then only by train. Lower Bank Street at Meadow was a great center of activity in those halcyon days with its flourishing hotels and other establishments. The New England Division also maintained a station of its own just about where the present Union Station now stands. Incidentally that's how the name Union Station came about. There was more than one division passing through Waterbury so when it came about that they amalgamated the depot became Union Station.

HAMILTON PARK—(Continued)

The remnant of a great big wheel
Later on we found.
They say it ran a brass mill
By turning round and round.

For very many times a day
It turned around and round.
It turned out the big "brass city"
The way it now is found.

The ravages of time
Have worn the top in part away,
And 'tis very sad to know
That some of it is gone today.

'Twas very long ago
When this ancient wheel began to turn,
Perhaps three hundred years or so
Since it started thus to go.

It now, is found, right there
Where it first began to turn,
Simply just a waiting
For time to wear and tear.
That very ancient land-mark
Which so long, has been right there.
But let the old wheel rest.
On memory's distant shore.
Its work was of the very best
And we will ask for nothing more.

DANIEL GILLETTE.

Good Night.

Hollywood's Face Is Red--Folks Call It Home Of No. 1 Gangster

"WEALTHY SPORTSMAN" SIEGEL, POPULAR WITH STARS, IS UP ON MURDER RAP

By PAUL HARRISON

(NEA Service Staff Correspondent)
Hollywood, Oct. 30.—Long the habitat of the make-believe mobster and the spawning place of cinematic crime, Movieland is embarrassed these days by a touch of realism. It is being pointed out as the home and headquarters and playground of the man who has been called America's head hoodlum.

That dubious and unproven distinction is tacked on Benjamin ("Bugsy") Siegel. He is a loose-lipped lug with slick hair and an Adolphe Menjou wardrobe, and he sometimes has been described as "handsome" by local society reporters who for years have been identifying him as a "wealthy Hollywood sportsman."

Bugsy used to get around with a few movie celebrities and a countless or two, and he lived in a mansion in upcity Holmby Hills. But he isn't doing any of those things now. He is sitting in the jail house and polishing his perpetual manicure and waiting for November 10. At that time, along with a weird character named Frank (Pug) Carbo, he is scheduled to go on trial for participation in a murder.

CALLED COUNTRY'S LEADING GANGSTER

The victim was Hyman (Big Greeny) Greenberg, or Schachter, who is assumed to have been liquidated by some of his old cronies in an eastern enterprise called Murder, Inc.

With several others, Siegel was indicted last year, but the charge was dropped when District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings County, N. Y., refused to lend a couple of witnesses to Los Angeles District Attorney John Dockweiler.

At the time, O'Dwyer was using them in trying to clear up a list of 87 crimes attributed to Murder, Inc. The witnesses are Albert Tannenbaum, known as "The Christ" and "Tree," and Al (Kid Twist) Reles. O'Dwyer has promised to send them to California this time, on condition that they are not to be prosecuted here and are to be returned to New York immediately.

Tannenbaum, a self-declared gangster and racketeer, already has testified before the grand jury which reindicted Siegel and Carbo. It heard Tannenbaum say that he and Siegel drove the two cars on the local murder expedition of Thanksgiving eve, 1939, and that Carbo shot Greenberg and fled in Bugsy's car. He also said of Siegel: "He is the supreme gangster in the United States, the top man. He has been the big boss for the last 10 years."

This estimate was confirmed by Frank C. Bals, New York police captain who figured prominently in breaking up the eastern murder-for-money ring. Bals declared of Siegel: "He's really the leading gangster of this country. His connections run from east to west."

Bugsy has, or used to have, an odd assortment of friends. He is now under \$25,000 bond on a federal indictment in New York charging him with harboring Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, while that kingpin of the underworld was a fugitive from justice. Buchalter, who specialized in industrial racketeering but was linked with almost



In the garb of the "wealthy Hollywood sportsman" he was reputed to be, but looking a bit worried, is Benny ("Bugsy") Siegel, above. He's pictured after being removed from his luxurious Holmby Hills home for questioning in the gangland murder of Harry Schachter.

every sort of crime, now is doing a 14-year rap in Leavenworth on a narcotics conviction.

Bugsy's wife is the former Estelle Krakower, sister of the late Whitey Krakower, a Lepke mobster but a suspected traitor, who was assassinated in New York about the time that his brother-in-law first was being arrested in Los Angeles. Seizure of Bugsy's personal papers revealed that he was able to borrow \$100,000 from a St. Paul manufacturer, Charles Ward, who once served a prison term on a narcotics charge.

BORROWS BIG MONEY FROM DENTIST

One who seems to have considered Bugsy a lad with a great future was Dr. Benjamin Blank, a local physician. In explanation of can-

shaking hands) or a dentist—although the jail dentist said that Bugsy's choppers were in fine condition.

During one of his absences from jail accompanied by a deputy but not handcuffed—Siegel was spotted having lunch with a noted Hollywood actress.

For these irregularities, Dr. Blank's appointment was rescinded and the deputy was suspended. But the physician also pops up in the record in another chapter of Bugsy's unusual career: Both Siegel and Dr. Blank were fellow adventurers with the Countess Dorothy di Frasso on the Cocos Islands treasure hunt and trouble-stricken voyage of the schooner Metha Nelson. The FBI was interested in that voyage because for awhile there was a suspicion that it might have been planned for the aid of the fugitive Lepke, who was thought to be in Mexico.

Siegel was seen and hailed around the swanky night clubs, in the boxes of screen celebrities at the horse tracks, and on the bridge paths of Beverly and Holmby Hills, where he and his family ran up a stable bill of some \$300 monthly.

He was a member of the star-studded Hillcrest Country Club. His home, according to the building permit, is a \$15,000 structure on a \$29,000, 3-acre tract in Holmby Hills. Bugsy and Estelle Siegel have two daughters, 11 and 13, who presumably are away somewhere at a good school.

HE MUST FACE MURDER CHARGE

In the forthcoming murder trial, the prosecution may have some trouble in trying to reconcile this picture of a big-shot "sportsman" with a vignette of a little-shot hoodlum who would drive a car for a trigger-man bent on wiping out an obscure thug. There may be evidence, though, that Schachter, or "Big Greeny," was a serious menace to his former bosses and worthy of their personal, lethal attention.

Hyman Schachter, alias Harry Greenberg, twice had been deported to Russia and twice had been deported to this country illegally. He served as a Lepke mobster for about 10 years, quarreled with the boss, and was kept in line by threats of being turned over to the immigration authorities.

Before Lepke surrendered on a Federal warrant, Greenberg fled to Canada and from there began writing embarrassing demands for money. Otherwise, he'd sing. Instead of paying, the gang sent deputies to kill him. They tried in Montreal and Detroit, but Big Greeny escaped and went to Los Angeles, where he got a job as a chauffeur and lived as "Harry Gotselman." Finally, through new attempts at shaking down his old pals and superiors, he was located, promptly liquidated.

WAR FORCING UP PRICES IN CHINA

Letters From American Sailors State Shoes Cost \$100 a Pair

A first-hand account of the way prices are skyrocketing in China after four years of warfare is given in recent letters from several friends received by Chief Petty Officer Garry L. Murphy, in charge of the local Navy recruiting station. The exchange rate between China and this country is now 20 to 1—that is, one dollar in our currency can be converted into \$20 of Chinese money.

According to a letter which arrived here yesterday, rice, which has always been the staple food of the Oriental people, now sells at \$160 in Chinese money for the same amount which could be bought for \$5 when the local recruiter last visited the country. Also, the best hand-made shoes at that time cost \$5 or \$6, Murphy said, but now he is informed their price has risen to above \$100 a pair, again in the Chinese currency.

Other prices which have soared in recent years are meat, the cheapest varieties of which are now \$5 a pound; eggs, which are four for a dollar, and gasoline for automobiles, which is \$4 a gallon at present. The local recruiter said that when he was last in Shanghai, it was possible to get a car and travel from one end of the International Settlement to another for a dollar, but that now with the price of gasoline so high, it costs \$4 or \$5 to go any considerable distance.

These catastrophic prices, of course, do not cause so much alarm to Americans in China, because of the very favorable rate of exchange between the currencies of the two countries, Murphy pointed out. Until recently, all prices in the East have been ridiculously low from the point of view of Occidentals.

Another letter received here from a sailor serving with the Yangtze patrol states that the Americans in service there are paid in Chinese silver dollars, because most of the paper money is so valueless, and he reports that the men actually have to use pads when they go to the paymaster to collect the pay due them.

Navy Recruiter Preston Thorns has also received letters from friends in China corroborating this information. One of his correspondents reports paying \$900 a month tuition, in Chinese currency, for each of his four children.

Even allowing for the wretched standard of living which most of the Chinese people have become accustomed to in past years, Murphy said, he doesn't see how it is possible for them to live with prices taking such a terrific boost. In the past few years they have been able to scrape along because prices were at least in proportion to the miserable wages that most of them earned, but with the current inflation, their lot must be really desperate.

Those persons who have been worried in recent days about the economic conditions in the United States, and our standard of living, may be reassured by considering in contrast this picture of the embattled Chinese.

LUX EMPLOYEES SEEK CONTRACT

Newly Organized Union Negotiating With Officials for Concessions

A proposed contract calling for a union shop, a 15 per cent wage increase of 15 cents an hour, and the "check off" has been submitted to the Lux Clock Co. by the Lux Clock Workers Local, No. 568, of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, C. I. O. The local was designated as sole bargaining agent for over 700 hourly, piece work, production and maintenance workers at the Lux plant after a recent National Labor Relations Board election.

The contract terms were submitted by the union at a conference this week, and are now under study by company officials. Another conference will be held within a few days.

The union shop provision sought by the union would require that all Lux employees join the union within a certain period. The "check off" is the deduction of union dues from workers' pay checks.

The union is also seeking wage minimums of 72 cents an hour for men and 62 cents an hour for women as well as overtime and holiday provisions, seniority rights, a shop steward system, and a procedure for handling grievances. Vacations with pay are asked.

The company is being represented in the negotiations by Fred Lux, vice president, and Attorney Herman J. Welsman. The union committee is headed by Don Harris, director of the Brass Workers Organizing Committee and includes officers of the local.

Lux employees voted by a large margin to have the union act as their bargaining agent at an election several weeks ago. The union is now campaigning for 100 per cent union membership at the factory.

DUAL CAREER

Martin Kosleck, who plays a featured role in Paramount's "Fly by Night," is also well known as an artist. Some of his paintings hang in galleries in this country and in Europe.

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Today's Answers to CRANUM CRACKERS

Questions on Combs Page

1. Blitzkrieg is German for "lightning war," blitz meaning lightning, krieg meaning war. Panzer is German for "armored." Thus armored division is panzer division; armored ship, panzerschiff.
2. Archie is British slang for anti-aircraft gun; Jerry is German fighter or his plane; Tommy is a British soldier.
3. Navicert is the navigation certificate issued by British to merchant vessels certifying cargo is not for Germany. Paravane is device for sheering mine anchor cables.
4. Y-gun has Y-shaped firing arms for discharging depth bombs at U-boats, which are German submarines (unterseeboots).
5. Flak planes except Stuka are British. It is a German dive bomber.

Answers To Test Questions

Below are the answers to test questions printed on editorial page.

1. Aurora borealis (northern lights).
2. Ant.
3. Alloy (iron and carbon).
4. Author.
5. Private first class.
6. Woodrow Wilson.
7. Mrs. Wallis Warfield.
8. Two.
9. Sinclair Lewis.
10. Major domo.



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HEADLINES OF YESTERYEARS

Ten Years Ago Today in Waterbury

Two residents of this city were arraigned in city court after a quarrel arising from a question put by one of the belligerents as to whether his friend had cast a vote during the course of which the non-voter allegedly spat upon his interrogator. A controversy resolved the debate by confessing that he had. Two weeks earlier the man had been taken into custody for carrying a hatchet, apparently in search of his politically-minded associate.

Twenty Years Ago Today in Waterbury

A local woman and a Waterville man died from injuries received when a truck in which eighteen Waterbury and Waterville persons were riding turned turtle. Many others were seriously hurt, some hovering between life and death as a result of the crash. The party left Waterville to call upon friends in Cornwall Bridge, and while proceeding down a grade on what is known as Cemetery hill, the vehicle suddenly swerved, flung its human cargo into the road, turned over, and then righted itself. Those less seriously hurt assisted the stricken members of the party until help arrived.

DREAM COMES TRUE

When Chester Morris was young he dreamed of being a radio announcer when he grew up. Instead, he became a movie star but his ambitions will come true, for he'll play the role of a radio commentator in "It'll Be Back in a Flash," for Producers William Pine and William Thomas at Paramount.

out in the weekly broadcast of the State Department of Health.

Of 2,000,000 men examined by draft boards in the United States 229,000 were rejected for dental defects. To avoid recurrence of these conditions and to meet the demands for military and industrial manpower in the present crisis, it will be necessary to extend early and regular dental care, to develop correct daily food habits, and to apply dental rehabilitation measures, Doctor Erlenbach said.

The greatest number of teeth are lost because of neglected dental care, he explained. Too often treatment of diseased teeth has been a matter of last resort. Such delay results in lost teeth and spread of infection to other organs of the body. The best method of preventing these conditions is to fill tooth cavities when the are small. Regular dental care should be given as soon as a child has acquired all his baby teeth. Semi-annual examinations allow the dentist to treat dental decay as it appears.

Another important factor in preventing tooth loss is food, correct each day in quality and quantity, Doctor Erlenbach said. Food provides the body with elements necessary to produce strong teeth and at the same time to maintain life and health. A material change to proper food habits is particularly vital in the present emergency when longer hours of work and more concentrated efforts are demanded.

Individuals can do much to keep teeth and gums healthy by exercising them daily, according to Doctor Erlenbach. Proper use of the toothbrush each day stimulates the gums and vigorous chewing helps to maintain firm teeth.

MIDDLEBURY TEAM IN TEN DEBATES

Middlebury, Vt., Oct. 30.—The Middlebury college debating team will engage in ten meets before Christmas vacation, Professor Perley C. Perkins, coach announced today.

The Schedule
Oct. 31—Union at Schenectady, N. Y.; Nov. 4—McGill at Montreal, N. Y.; Nov. 6—Bates at Wolfboro, N. H.; Nov. 7 and 8—Dartmouth debating carnival at Hanover, N. H.; Nov. 11—Dartmouth at Middlebury; Nov. 14—Hamilton at Clinton, N. Y.; Nov. 26—Amherst at Amherst, Mass.; Nov. 27—Radio-debate with Harvard at Boston; Nov. 28—N. Y. U. at Middlebury.

BOBBED-HAIRED SAVAGE

"Malaya" is the first jungle picture with bobbied hair. A bob is permissible because the story opens in civilization and then goes into the jungle.